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DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY

MOBILE, AL-- Justin Michael Ryals of Mobile pled guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana, United States Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes of the Southern District of Alabama announced today.

Ryals admitted his involvement with 40 to 50 pounds of marijuana.

Sentencing in Ryals' case was set for May 27, 2008, before United States District Judge William H. Steele. Ryals faces a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Mobile County Sheriff's Department, the Mobile Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deborah Griffin.

Unite States v. Justin Michael Ryals, Criminal Number 07-00367.